

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

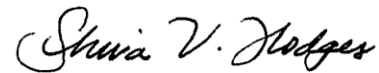
Patrick Adams, a South Carolina)	
Department of Corrections)	C/A No.: 1:19-1446-DCC-SVH
Inmate,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	ORDER
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Charles F. Way, MD, and)	
alternatively the South Carolina)	
Department of Corrections,)	
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Defendants.)	
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This matter is before the Court pursuant to a motion [ECF No. 26] filed by the Defendants requesting leave to depose the Plaintiff, an inmate incarcerated in a South Carolina Department of Corrections prison, remotely. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2)(B) requires a party to obtain leave of court to depose a prisoner and instructs this Court to grant that leave when the requested deposition is consistent with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(b)(1) and (2). Because the Plaintiff is a party to this lawsuit, the Defendants request meets these requirements, and this Court grants the Defendants leave to depose the Plaintiff and orders that SCDC provide a means of allowing the deposition to proceed.

In addition, given the unique risk and challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court grants the Defendants request that they be allowed to

depose the Plaintiff remotely and asks that SCDC work with the parties to accommodate a remote deposition of the Plaintiff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shiva V. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

June 2, 2020
Columbia, South Carolina

Shiva V. Hodges
United States Magistrate Judge